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SUBJ: DUTCH DOMESTIC NATURAL GAS PRICE TO RISE

1. DURING PARLIAMENTARY DEBATE ON HIS MINISTRY'S 1977 BUDGET  
ECONMIN LUBBERS FORESHADOWED A GRADUAL INCREASE IN  
DOMESTIC PRICE OF NATURAL GAS FOR SMALL CONSUMERS FROM PRE-  
SENT 0.20 GUILDER PER CUBIC METER TO 0.33 - 0.34 GUILDER PER  
CUBIC METER IN 1980 (I.E. FROM 8.0 TO 13.2 - 13.6 US CENTS  
AT CURRENT RATE OF 2.50 GULDERS EQUAL \$1.00). INCREASE  
WOULD BE DESIGNED TO BRING GAS PRICE IN LINE WITH DOMESTIC  
FUEL OIL PRICE. GAP AT PRESENT IS ABOUT 0.07 TO 0.08 GUIL-  
DER. TAKING INTO ACCOUNT AN ESTIMATED ANNUAL INCREASE IN  
FUEL OIL PRICE OF FIVE PERCENT, NATURAL GAS PRICE IN 1980  
WOULD HAVE TO BE INCREASED TO 0.13 TO 0.14 GUILDER PER CUBIC  
METER.

2. LUBBER'S PLAN TO RAISE PRICE OF NATURAL GAS REFLECTS  
GON'S ENERGY CONSERVATION STRATEGY, WHICH IS TO SLOW THE  
GROWTH OF ENERGY CONSUMPTION. IT IS HOPED THAT INCREASE  
IN NATURAL GAS PRICE WILL ALSO ENCOURAGE CONSUMERS TO  
INSTALL ENERGY CONSERVATION DEVICES AND TO INSULATE HOMES  
AND BUILDINGS.  
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